



**2012 Players Guide**  
**The Ponce de Leon Matches**  
**June 6th-9th, 2012**  
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## Schedule of Events

All times Local Scottish Savings Time

Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - U.S. Team Practice Round begins at Jubilee at 1432.

- US Team Dinner at The Jigger Inn at 1930.

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Round begins at Carnoustie at 1330 (Fourball)

- Cocktails at Calder's Bar at 1930

Opening Ceremonies at The Hogan Suite at 2030

Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round begins at St. Andrews, Crail- Balcomie, and Castle Course at 1400. (Fourball)

- Cocktails & Dinner at the St. Andrews Golf Club at 1930.

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Round begins at Kingsbarns at 0620 (Foursomes)

- 4<sup>th</sup> and final Round begins at Kingsbarn at 1300 (Singles)

- Champions Dinner at The R&A Forgan House at 2000.





June 6, 2012

**A Note from the Chairman Emeritus:**

Gentlemen:

“After all, it’s Old Man Par and you, match or medal. And Old Man Par is patient soul, who never shoots a birdie and never incurs a buzzard. He’s a patient soul, Old Man Par. And if you would travel the long route with him, you must be patient, too.” (excerpt from *Down the Fairway*, by Bobby Jones).

“We had a great singles lineup and I felt we were on the verge of something big. I didn’t know what it was at the time; I really didn’t. But I knew this match was going to be close. I had the feeling Brookline was going to take care of us...” (excerpt from *A Feel for the Game*, by Ben Crenshaw).

Well here we are, ten years in. The Ponce. The primary feeling I have is gratitude to each of you for embracing this annual golf odyssey; this tournament of friends; this renewal of rivals. Your tournament, and the Ponce is what you make of it. This year’s event - The Ponce de Leon Matches - is what we dream about doing. And we are doing it.

Off the top, I want to thank Chairman Westray Battle. The leadership, enthusiasm, and sheer organization he has displayed over the past 12 months has been a thing of beauty. The logistical challenges have been indescribable, and I knew he was the right man - and perhaps the only man - for this position. I am glad I was there along the way, but he should be commended repeatedly for his work and vision.

We look forward to playing together as a team of Americans, and to forging new friendships and rivalries with our opponents from the United Kingdom. Not sure who Vegas or Ladbroke’s is favoring on these Matches, but regardless, we will all leave with that sense of competition and camaraderie that team match play affords.

Carnoustie, Kingsbarns, and St. Andrews. Yes, St. Andrews. The Home of Golf. Let’s walk these grounds and strike good golf shots:

“Long may the hammer strike, and the lathe turn. Just aim on the cathedral steeple, sir. Just aim on the cathedral.” (Old Tom Morris’ words to Young Tom Morris at St. Andrews, circa 1872).

Let the better playing team win the Match. Let that Team deserve it. Congratulate that Team. Please toast to the champions, and let this be just chapter one in a new passage of team golf versus our new friends from the UK; a new twist to the living history of the Ponce. Perhaps the Americans will one day play host to the boys from London, and once again the Helmet will be at stake - but more than that, friendships will be renewed and friendships strengthened.

The Tee is Yours,

Neil D. Thomson, Esq.

*United States Team Captain*

*Founder and Chairman Emeritus*

10th Annual Ponce de Leon Invitational (The Ponce de Leon Matches)



## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Wednesday, June 6

#### *Walk to Course*

#### **Practice Round for U.S. Team: Jubilee**

1432, 1440, 1448, 1456 – (paid for 16: 1 spot open) :

8 Caddies Requested for Wes, Mac, Winn, Klim, Bird, Clay, Neil, Bedell (\$45 + tip)

**Old Course Ballot Submitted:** Wes, Neil, Musc, Rankin, Aide, Klim, Coulbourn, Clay, Wainscott, Bedell entered. (Will know results by Monday evening, June 4)

**Deveron House**, 64 North Street (7), Wes(#4), Klim (#2), Oak(#5), Musc (#3) - 4 double bed rooms  
Winn - single twin room (#6) / Clark & Bill - 2 twin room (#1)

**11 College Street** (5) Neil, Clay, Aide, Mac, Palmore

**Albany House**, 56-58 North Street (3) Bird, Rankin, Bedell

1930: Cocktails & U.S. Team Dinner (Dress: Casual)  
The Jigger Inn, Old Course Hotel, Old Station Rd.

### Thursday, June 7 – U.K. Meets at Carnoustie

*1100 - U.S. Team meet at Deveron House for Coach. (U.S. Team) to drive 1 hour to Carnoustie (25 Miles)*

***0920 - UK team arrives at EDI and drives 2 hours to Carnoustie (70 miles), ETA 1200 (some are on the flight which arrives at 0855, who will have to wait)***

#### **PDL Round 1: Four Ball Matches**

1330, 1340, 1350, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1440 – **Four Ball at Carnoustie** (28)

U.S. - Navy Golf Shirt & White Pants / Caddies - £ 45 per bag + Tip (U.S. Only)

**1840: Entire Ponce De Leon Photograph outside Calder's Bar overlooking 18<sup>th</sup> Green.**

Cocktails Served at Calder's bar after golf  
Opening Ceremony Buffet Dinner  
2030 - 2230

**Dress: Jacket, Blue Oxford, Stone Khakis & Team Tie (Bring gear to shower at Carnoustie)**

**2230, Drive 1 hour to St. Andrews (25 Miles) - Coach (U.S. Team)**

Bell Craig Guest House, 8 Murray Park (6) Birkert, Clive, Thompson, Westermark, Davidson, Green  
Castlemount B&b, 2 The Scores (8) Gilbert, Hyde, Finch, Biddle, Barnett, Blake, Carroll & Short



## **Friday, June 8**

1030 - Meet at Himalayas for 18 Hole Stroke Play Putting Tournament (Optional) Right of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee at the Old Course to play (10 pounds a man to winner - low gross strokes/no gimmes) / 45 minutes

### **PDL Round 2: Four Ball at 3 Courses:**

*Walk to Course*

1430, 1440 – **Old Course** (8) Bird, Winn, McAllister, Palmore vs. Birkert, Carroll, Clive & Finch

*U.S. – Navy Golf Shirt + Stone Khaki Pants / Caddies - £ 45 per bag + tip, Caddy trainees - £ 25 per bag (U.S. Only)*

**1230: Meet at Deveron House to depart to drive 30 minutes to Crail (12 Miles) - Rental Car**

1400 – **Crail Golfing Society – Balcomie** (4) Thomson brothers vs. Green & Thompson

*Caddies - £ 40 per bag + Recommended Tip of £10-20 (U.S. Only)*

**1200: Meet at Deveron House to depart to drive 1 Mile to Castle (5 minutes) - Rental Cars (2)**

1410, 1420, 1430, 1440 – **Castle Course** (16) Battle, Klim, Garnett, Oakey, Wainscott, Coulborn, Aide, Rankin Gilbert, Blake, Biddle, Short, Barnett, Davidson, Hyde, Westermark

*Caddies - £ 45 per bag + Tip, (U.S. Only)*

**Carroll's Old Course Ballot Request:** Gilbert & Blake vs. Battle & Garnett (Would Forfeit Castle Greens Fee)

1930: St. Andrews Golf Club Cocktails & Dinner

**Dress: Jacket & Tie**

## **Saturday, June 9**

**0530, 0600 & 0630 - Depart Deveron House to drive 8 miles to Kingsbarns -3 Waves (20 minutes) - 3 Rental Cars**

**U.S. Team – Blue and White Striped Team Shirt and Navy pants**

### **PDL Round 3: Foursomes:**

0620, 0630, 0640 // 0710, 0720 // 0730, 0740 – **Kingsbarns** (28)

14 Caddies Requested - £ 45 per bag + Tip (U.S. Only)

### **PDL Round 4 – Final Round: Singles**

1300, 1310, 1320, 1330, 1340, 1350, 1400 – **Kingsbarns** (28)

**1900: Drive 8 Miles to St. Andrews (20 Minutes)**

17 Caddies Requested - U.S. (14) + U.K. (3) Birkert, Blake, Thompson

2000: Closing Ceremony & Champions Dinner

R&A Forgan House

**Dress: Jacket & Team Tie**



## Sunday, June 10

**0600 - Depart St. Andrews in 3 Rental Cars and drive 1 hour to EDI for 0925 flight - (10) Battle, Neil, Clay, Musc, Clarke, Henry, Aide, Klim, Winn, Wainscott (Continental #37, Depart EDI at 0925, arrive EWR at 12:05pm.)**

**0800 - Bird, Palmore - Car Service to EDI for 11am flight.**

**Kirk - riding to EDI with Dom for afternoon flight. / Palmore - Train from St. Andrews**

### **Notes:**

- There are holes for golf Wed and Fri AM for additional rounds for those inclined. (Old Course Ballot, Castle & Craig recommended) Wed Round at Jubilee could be substituted for Old if ballot worked out, but fee at Jubilee would be forfeited. Castle tournament round could be substituted for Old if all 4 players agreed to forfeit greens fee and succeeded on the ballot.
- **St. Andrews Old Ballot:** The Old Ballot is available on Wednesday and Friday. Nearly half of the total number of tee times on the Old Course each year are allocated to the Ballot to give people who have been unable to book in advance a chance of playing. It is drawn 48 hours in advance. Golfers should provide their names, home club and handicap details (24 for men and 36 for women) either by phone on +44 (0)1334 466666 or at one of the clubhouses before 2pm 48 hours before the day they wish to play. The draw will be made shortly after that and the results posted by 4pm each day. There must be at least two golfers in the group.
- **St Andrews Links Trophy:** Since its inception in 1989, the St Andrews Links Trophy has attracted the world's top amateurs, many of whom have gone on to enjoy success on the PGA and European Tours, notably Ernie Els, Lee Westwood, Trevor Immelman, Geoff Ogilvy, Padraig Harrington, Justin Rose and Oliver Fisher. The R&A World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) ranks the St Andrews Links Trophy as one of the strongest amateur tournaments in the world, based on strength of field, and it is arguably one of the strongest outside the Amateur Championship in the British Isles. The 2012 St Andrews Links Trophy will take place from Friday 8 – Sunday 10 June on the New Course and the Old Course.

## Accommodations:

**11 College Street** (5) N Thomson, C Thomson, Aide, Palmore & Rankin  
St Andrews, Fife KY16 9AA, U.K.

**Deveron House** - (7) Battle, Garnett, Oakey, Klim, Wainscott, Coulbourn, Winn  
64 North Street Saint Andrews, Fife KY16 9AH, U.K. / 44 (0) 1334 473513

**Notes: Breakfast will be served each morning at the Deveron House for all members of Deveron House and 11 College Street. This will also serve as the American Team Room.**

**Albany Hotel** (3) Bird, Rankin & Bedell (Breakfast provided by the Albany Hotel)  
56-58 North Street, Saint Andrews, Fife KY16 9AH, U.K. / 01334 477737

**Castlemount Bed & Breakfast** (8) Gilbert, Hyde, Finch, Biddle, Barnett, Blake, Carroll & Short  
2 The Scores St Andrews, Fife KY16 9AR, U.K. / 01334 475579

**The Bell Craig Guest House** (6) Birkert, Clive, Thompson, Westermark, Davidson, Green  
8 Murray Park Saint Andrews, Fife KY16 9AW, U.K. / 01334 472962



## **(Golf Digest -Top 100 Golf Courses Outside the U.S Rankings)**

### **Jubilee Golf Course (#92)**

Links Clubhouse (serves the Old, New and Jubilee courses)

Bruce Embankment

St Andrews, KY16 9XL

Qualifying course for the 2004 Amateur Championship: Now well into its second century of life, the Jubilee Course has developed from a basic 12-hole layout in to what many consider to be the toughest test of golf at St Andrews. Created on a narrow strip of prime golfing land between the New Course and the sea, the Jubilee was originally intended for ladies and beginners. It was laid out by John Angus junior and made ready in only three months. The course was named in honour of Queen Victoria, whose Diamond Jubilee fell in 1897. On a full day of celebrations, the Jubilee Fountain was unveiled on the Links and the Jubilee Course was officially opened by Mary Macgregor, wife of Provost John Macgregor, who struck the first drive with a commemorative club made by Old Tom Morris.

Around 1902 David Honeyman, Tom Morris' right hand man, suggested that it was possible to extend the course to 18 holes. This was done in 1905 at a cost of £150. In 1988 the re-design of the Jubilee to championship standard was carried out by Donald Steel. The teeing grounds were raised, not only providing wonderful views of the Links, but also exposing the golfers to the winds which sweep in from the bay. Mr. Steel's redesigned course now plays at 6,742 yards and is a real test for all golfers. The Jubilee has hosted the Scottish Amateur Strokeplay Championship, the Boys' Home Internationals, the British Mid-Amateur Championship and, in 2004, it was the venue for the qualifying rounds of the Amateur Championship. The course hosts the St Andrews Links Trophy in alternate years with the New Course. Willie Auchterlonie's judgement has been fully vindicated.

### **Carnoustie Golf Course (#8)**

20 Links Parade

Carnoustie, Angus DD7 7JF

44 (0) 1241 802270

[golf@carnoustiegolflinks.co.uk](mailto:golf@carnoustiegolflinks.co.uk)

Carnoustie has hosted The Open Championship on seven occasions, most recently in 2007. Each Championship has provided remarkable drama and excitement, with the 1953 victory by Ben Hogan standing out as one of the greatest Opens of all time, although one could easily argue that the 2007 victory by Padraig Harrington was simply the best of all Majors.

1931 – Tommy Armour

1937 – Henry Cotton

1953 – Ben Hogan

1968 – Gary Player

1975 – Tom Watson

1999 – Paul Lawrie

2007 – Padraig Harrington

**The Himalayas Putting Course – open 1030-1930 /Right of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee at the Old Course / 2 GBP / 45 min.**

### **St. Andrews Old Course (#2)**

Links Clubhouse (serves the Old, New and Jubilee courses)

Bruce Embankment, St Andrews KY16 9XL

44 (0) 1334 466666

[enquiries@standrews.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@standrews.org.uk)

The Old Course is the Home of Golf where golf was first played 600 years ago around 1400 AD. It remains a real test of golf for today's champions. The fabled original links course is synonymous with The Open Championship which it has



hosted more times than any other venue and will host for a 29th time in 2015. Despite its reputation and status, it is a public course and is one of seven public courses at St Andrews Links, today attracting hundreds of thousands of golfing pilgrims from around the globe

Golf was first played on what is now the Old Course in the 1400s. The course has evolved over time and was not designed by any one architect. The game grew in popularity and by the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was part of the way of life for many local people, whether as players, caddies, ball makers or club makers. Golf still plays a major part in the culture and economy of St. Andrews. St. Andrews Links is the largest golfing complex in Europe.

The people who played a major role in shaping it were Daw Anderson (1850s) and Old Tom Morris (1865 - 1903). Rory McIlroy from Northern Ireland shot the course record of 63 during the first round of the 2010 Open Championship.

Selected Open Champions at St. Andrews (staged 28 times)

2010 Louis Oosthuizen	2005 Tiger Woods	2000 Tiger Woods	1995 John Daly
1990 Nick Faldo	1984 Seve Ballasteros	1978 Jack Nicklaus	1970 Jack Nicklaus
1946 Sam Snead	1927 Bobby Jones (a)	1873 Tom Kidd	

### **Crail Golfing Society - Balcomie Links**

Crail, Fife KY10 3XN  
 44 (0) 1333 450960  
[info@crailgolfingsociety.co.uk](mailto:info@crailgolfingsociety.co.uk)

Crail Golfing Society is the 7th oldest golf club in the world. Members and visitors have been enjoying some of the finest links golf in Scotland - many say the world - since 1786. Golfing legend Old Tom Morris laid out the Balcomie course in 1895 and in 1998 a second course, Craighead Links, was designed by Gil Hanse, whose outstanding work was recognised in 2009 with the Golf Course Architect of the Year Award.

### **Castle Course (#65)**

by St Andrews KY16 8PL  
 44 (0) 1334 466666  
[enquiries@standrews.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@standrews.org.uk)

The Castle Course is the seventh course at the Home of Golf. Set on a rugged cliffline overlooking the ancient town of St Andrews, the course combines breathtaking views with a memorable golfing challenge. Designed by David Kidd, creator of Bandon Dunes on the West Coast of America, The Castle Course won several international awards in its first year of opening and was included within the prestigious Golf Digest Top 100 rankings almost immediately. The course was officially opened for play on July 2, 2008 by HRH The Duke of York and has proved popular with golfers looking for a new and exciting test of golf in St Andrews.

### **Kingsbarns Golf Course (#18)**

Fife KY16 8QD, Scotland  
 44 (0) 1334 460860  
[info@kingsbarns.com](mailto:info@kingsbarns.com)

Located just seven miles east on the A917 road from the heart of St. Andrews, Kingsbarns Golf Links delivers an entirely new world of links golf. Designed by Kyle Phillips, the golf course opened in 2000 and is set on a leveled amphitheater-like slope down towards the coastline, so nearly every hole has views of the sea. Other holes, such as the par-5 12th and par-3 15th, require a tee shot over the sea. At more than 7,100 yards from the championship tees, Kingsbarns is a formidable enough test to be included in the Dunhill Links Championship rotation each fall that includes the Old Course at St. Andrews and Carnoustie Golf Links





### **Team USA Player Biographies and Statistics**

<b>Aide, Michael</b>	39, Real Estate Investor in Houston, TX, Redstone GC, 8 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion
<b>Battle, Wes</b>	37, U.S. House of Representatives in Washington DC, 8 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Army Navy CC / Timuquana CC / Farmington CC/ Rolling Rock Club, Best Finish: Champion (3x)
<b>Bird, Jeremy</b>	35, Insurance Broker in Atlanta, GA, The Golf Club of Georgia, 9 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion (4x) MVP 2004
<b>Coulbourn, Clark</b>	37, Software Sales in Richmond, VA, The Country Club of Virginia, 7 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion (3x)
<b>Garnett, Muscoe</b>	36, Commercial real Estate in Richmond, VA, Country Club of Virginia, 10 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion (2x), MVP 2011
<b>Klim, John</b>	36, Investment Banker in Richmond, VA, Country Club of Virginia, 8 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion (2x), MVP 2007
<b>McAllister, John</b>	36, Documentary Film Producer in Charlottesville, VA, Farmington CC / Kinloch GC/ Keswick Club, 10 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Tied 2nd
<b>Oakey, Henry</b>	37, Lumber Sales & Farming in Charlottesville, VA, Farmington CC, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: 3rd
<b>Palmore, Michael</b>	37, Investment Advisor in Richmond, VA, Country Club of Virginia, 9 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion (3x), MVP 2006
<b>Rankin, Jamie</b>	36, Commercial Real Estate in Atlanta, GA, Country Club of Virginia, Piedmont Driving Club, 10 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion (2x)
<b>Thomson, Neil</b>	36, Attorney in Charleston, SC, Leland Country Club, 10 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion (4x), Founder & Chairman Emeritus, MVP 2010
<b>Thomson, Clay</b>	39, Investment Management in Charlottesville, VA, Farmington CC, 6 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: 3rd
<b>Wainscott, Bill</b>	39, Technology Sales in Charlotte, NC, 7 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion (3x) MVP 2009
<b>Winn, Scott</b>	35, Software Sales in San Francisco, CA, The Olympic Club, 7 <sup>th</sup> Appearance, Best Finish: Champion



### **Team U.K. Player Biographies**

<b>Barnett, Marcus</b>	32, Landscape Architect in London, Guards Golfing Society, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Biddle, James</b>	33, Corporate Finance in London, Royal St. George's / Working GC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Birkert, Tom</b>	34, Company Director in London, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Blake, Dan</b>	33, Bank Director in London, Guards Golfing Society, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Carroll, Andrew</b>	32, Insurance Broker in London, Royal St. George's / R& A, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Clive, Dom</b>	33, MBA Student in London, Royal St. George's / Sunningdale / Guards Golfing Society, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Davidson, Toby</b>	32, London, Royal West Norfolk, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance, Member of the British Army
<b>Finch, Rupert</b>	33, Attorney in London, Royal St. George's and Royal West Norfolk, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Gilbert, Karl</b>	25, Investment Banker in London, Royal St. George's, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Green, Storm</b>	28, London, Guards Golfing Society, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance Member of the British Army
<b>Hyde, Nick</b>	26, Attorney in London, Royal St. George's, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Short, Brooke</b>	33, Corporate Advisor in London, New Zealand Golf Club, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Thompson, Ian</b>	34, Derivatives Broker in Alton, Royal St. George's / Guards Golfing Society, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<b>Westermarck, Niklas</b>	26, Energy Trader in London, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance
<u>Copper Stick-In-Waiting</u> <b>Bedell, Kirk</b>	37, Solar Energy Sales in St. Louis, MO, Sakonnet Golf Club, 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance



2003 SCOTTSDALE  
 2004 ORLANDO  
 2007 SEA ISLAND  
 2009 LA QUINTA  
 2011 THE GREENBRIER

2005 PALM BEACH  
 2006 SCOTTSDALE  
 2008 SEA ISLAND  
 2010 SEA ISLAND  
 2012 ST. ANDREWS

## FORMAT FOR THE 2012 PONCE DE LEON MATCHES

### Saint Andrews, Scotland (June 7 – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

The Ponce De Leon Matches involve various match play competitions between two teams of fourteen players. Each player plays four matches. The matches consist of 14 FOURBALL matches, 7 FOURSOMES matches and 14 SINGLES matches. The winner of each match scores a point for their team, with ½ a point each for any match that is tied after 18 holes.

There will be 35 matches so the winning team needs to score at least 18 points. In the event of a 17.5-17.5 tie, the match will result in a tie.

There will be four Tournament rounds.  
 Round 1: Fourball at Carnoustie (7 matches with 7 points at stake)  
 Round 2: Fourball (7 matches with 7 points at stake)  
 Round 3: Foursomes at Kingsbarns (7 matches with 7 points at stake)  
 Round 4: Singles at Kingsbarns (14 matches with 14 points at stake)

### U.S. PRACTICE ROUND

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

JUBILEE

TEE TIMES: 1432, 1440, 1448, 1456

### FIRST ROUND

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 7

CARNOUSTIE

TEE TIMES: 1330, 1340, 1350, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1440

#### **FOURBALL:**

**2 MAN BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY.** A fourball match is a competition between two teams of two golfers, where all four golfers play their own ball throughout the round rather than alternating shots, and each hole is won by the team whose individual golfer has the lowest score.

1330 BIRD (3) & WINN (6)	VS.	GILBERT (1) & HYDE (4)
1340 MCALLISTER (7) & GARNETT (8)	VS.	BIRKERT (6) & WESTERMARK (6)
1350 PALMORE (11) & N. THOMSON (11)	VS.	FINCH (7) & CARROLL (12)
1400 RANKIN (12) & KLIM (12)	VS.	BLAKE (13) & GREEN (13)
1410 AIDE (13) & COULBOURN (15)	VS.	BIDDLE (14) & THOMPSON (15)
1420 C. THOMSON (16) & BATTLE (18)	VS.	BARNETT (15) & CLIVE (17)
1440 Oakey (19) & WAINSCOTT (22)	VS.	DAVIDSON (17) & SHORT (19)



**SECOND ROUND**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8**

THREE COURSES: OLD COURSE, CASTLE COURSE AND CRAIL GOLFING SOCIETY – BALCOMIE

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CRAIL GOLFING SOCIETY (BALCOMIE)

1400 N. THOMSON (11) & C. THOMSON (16) VS. GREEN (13) & THOMPSON (15)

CASTLE COURSE

1410	GARNETT & #12, BATTLE (18)	VS.	GILBERT (1) & BLAKE (13)
1420	COULBOURN (15) & OAKY (19)	VS.	BIDDLE (14) & SHORT (19)
1430	KLIM (12) & WAINSCOTT (22)	VS.	BARNETT (15) & DAVIDSON (17)
1440	RANKIN (12) & AIDE (13)	VS.	HYDE (4) & WESTERMARK (6)

OLD COURSE

1430	BIRD (3) & McALLISTER (7)	VS.	FINCH (7) & CLIVE (17)
1440	WINN (6) & PALMORE (11)	VS.	BIRKERT (6) & CARROLL (12)

**THIRD ROUND**

**SATURDAY JUNE 9**

KINGSBARNES

**FOURSOMES:**

Also known as two-ball, a foursomes match is a competition between two teams of two golfers. The golfers on the same team take alternate shots throughout the match, with the same ball. Each hole is won by the team that completes the hole in the fewest shots. Teams play with 50% Handicap of Total Handicap. (For example, if Team A had individual Handicaps of 6 and 7, their team handicap would be 6.5. If Team B had

**FOURTH & FINAL ROUND**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9th**

Kingsbarnes

Tee Times: 1300, 1310, 1320, 1330, 1340, 1350, 1400

**SINGLES.**

**MATCH PLAY – WITH HANDICAPS.** This is the tradition. This is what it is all about. The match-ups will not be determined until Saturday at lunch when the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Foursomes are complete.



### **Matchup Selection Process**

After the morning Foursomes matches, 21 points will have been awarded and 14 are up for grabs in Singles. After the completion of morning play, Captains Clive and Thompson will select the pairings for the afternoon matches using the following format. The purpose of the format is to give the team that is losing an opportunity to choose as many favorable matchups as possible. Chairman Battle will run the process.

Definitions: Slot – to place a player in a foursome, unopposed.  
Match – to place a player in a foursome against an already slotted player.

#### **If the score of the team match is:**

11-10 or 10.5-10.5: Both teams will slot 7 and match 7 players.

**Procedure:** There will be a coin flip. The loser of the coin flip will slot his first two players. Winner slots 2 then matches 2 players. This process repeats until 24 players have been matched. Finally, each player slots and matches one player each.

12-9 or 11.5-9.5: The losing team will match 8 players and the winning team will match 6.

**Procedure:** The winning team will slot 2 players. The losing team will match 2 and slot 2. This process will repeat until 24 players have been matched. Then the winning team will slot 2 players and the losing team will match the final 2.

13-8 or 12.5-8.5: The losing team will match 9 players and the winning team will match 5.

**Procedure:** The winning team will slot 2 players. The losing team will match 2 and slot 2. This process will repeat until 20 players have been matched. Then, the losing team will slot one player and the winning team will match that player and slot his remaining players. The losing team will match the final 3.

14-7 or 13.5-7.5: The losing team will match 11 players and the winning team will match 3.

**Procedure:** The winning team will slot 2 players. The losing team will match 2 and slot 2. The winning team will match 2 and slot 2. The losing team will match 2 and slot one player. The winning team will match one player and slot the remaining 7 players. The losing team will match the remaining 7.

15-6 or greater margin: The winning Captain will slot all 14 players and the losing Captain will match all pairings.



## Champions Dinner, Wager & Awards

In keeping with the spirit of the Ponce, the U.S. Team challenges the U.K. team to play for the Champions Dinner and its pre-selected price of 90 GBP per person. If accepted, the winning team will enjoy the Saturday Champions Dinner at the expense of the losing team. In the event of a tie, each team pays for their own fare. All tournament awards are to be recognized on Saturday evening at the Champions Dinner (R&A Forgan House).

### Forgan House

Forgan House: Adjacent to the 18th green of the Old Course is Forgan House, a property purchased by the Club in 1998 and which, after extensive renovation, was opened in 2001. The front rooms, with their wonderful views over the links and the North Sea, form part of the members' facilities with much of the rest of the building given over to administrative functions.

It is entirely fitting that a site which began life as Robert Forgan's club-making workshop should now form part of The R&A's Equipment Standards laboratories. The Forgan House of today has emerged from a complex history, which began with five different buildings. One of those five, Six Pilmour Place, was the home of Old Tom Morris from 1866 until his death in 1908.



The remaining four properties formed the site of Robert Forgan and Son from c1858 to 1963, evolving, in those 105 years, from a very small business into a world-renowned club and ball-making factory. Forgan began his career in 1852 working next door for his uncle, Hugh Philip, in what is now the Tom Morris Golf Shop. After Philip's death in 1856, he rented Five Pilmour Links and moved his club-making business to a shed in the garden.

By 1882, he had acquired and developed the plot to the east before purchasing the property next to it in 1888. The whole site was remodeled in 1908, merging the three buildings which faced the links into one, and expanding the club-making facilities back towards the house of Five Pilmour Links. It was not until 1924 that Number Five was incorporated into the factory.

### Awards

**Ponce de Leon Matches Trophy:** the conquistador helmet will be given to the winning team. That team will possess the Helmet until the next Match. The winning team is responsible for engraving winning team player names / year on the Helmet prior to the next Match. In the event of a tie, both teams will share time with the helmet. Consumption of spirits from the Helmet is encouraged.

**British MVP:** to be voted via secret ballot by British team only. Open discussion at the beginning of the meal is encouraged, so that voting members are made aware of individual match records and noteworthy performances. The British MVP will receive a set of five hickory-shaft clubs in an old Tom Morris bag from the Ponce's charitable gift to St. Andrews' Keepers of the Green initiative to be passed down to future MVPs. In addition, the winner will receive a lifetime membership to the Keepers of the Green.

**American MVP:** to also be voted via secret ballot by American team only. Like his counterpart, the American MVP will receive five hickory-shaft clubs in an old Tom Morris bag and a lifetime membership to the Keepers of the Green.



**The “Tony Jacklin” Award:** to be awarded by Chairman W. Battle, Captain D. Clive and Captain N. Thomson. This award goes to the British player who best exemplifies team spirit, sportsmanship, and leadership. The Tony Jacklin winner will be the British man who best embodies the Ponce, both on and off the course. The American players will be provided the opportunity (by written, secret ballot) to nominate whom they think should win this British award, and Battle, Clive, and Thomson will take these nominations under advisement and consider them strongly.

Why “Tony Jacklin”?

- English professional golfer who was the most successful British golfer of his generation;
- His two majors were the Open Championship (1969) and the U.S. Open (1970). He was the only European winner of the U.S. Open in an 84 year span (1926-2009);
- His 1968 Jacksonville Open win was first win by a European player on the U.S. Tour since the 1920s;
- Seven-time playing member in the Ryder Cup (1967-1979);
- Played vs. Jack Nicklaus in one of the most famous Ryder Cup matches of all time - the “Concession” at Muirfield in 1969, when Jacklin eagled 17 to square with the match with the Golden Bear. Then Nicklaus conceded the 3 foot par putt on 18 to halve the match, and tie the Cup. Sportsmanship at its finest from both men;
- Four-time consecutive non-playing Ryder Cup Captain (1983-1989). In 1985, he led his team to the first European victory in 28 years, and in 1987, the first European Ryder Cup victory ever on American soil;
- And he hit the first ever hole-in-one to be televised live in Britain in 1967 (No. 16 at Royal St. George’s in 1967).

**The “Champagne Tony Lema” Award:** to be awarded by Chairman W. Battle, Captain D. Clive, and Captain N. Thomson. This award goes to the American player who best exemplifies team spirit, sportsmanship, and leadership. The Champagne Tony Lema winner will be the American man who best exemplifies the Ponce, both on and off the course. The British players will be provided the opportunity (by written, secret ballot) to nominate whom they think should win this American award, and Battle, Clive, and Thomson will take these nominations under advisement and consider them strongly.

Why “Champagne Tony Lema”?

- American professional golfer who played in two Ryder Cups (1963 and 1965). His 9-1-1 record is best of all-time (for those who played in a minimum of 2 Cups);
- In his first ever appearance at the Open Championship (1965), he won at St. Andrews, beating Jack Nicklaus by five shots. Despite only practicing for 9 holes, one of his keys to victory was using British caddy legend, Tip Anderson (a regular British caddy for Arnold Palmer who was not competing that year);
- In 1957, he won the Imperial Valley Open in legendary fashion. Upon completing his final round, he went in to the clubhouse and drank three highballs. He then realized his score held up to get in to a sudden-death playoff, where the loose Lema went out and won on the second playoff hole;
- Early in his career, he struggled on Tour to where his debt reached over \$11,000 in October of 1962 (his struggles somewhat due to a raucous, off the course lifestyle). On the eve of the Orange County Open, he promised the press corps he would buy them all champagne if he won. Lema won that tournament, and in fact went on to win 12 times in the next four years (finishing second 11 more times, including losing by one to the Golden Bear at the 1963 Masters);
- Lema’s life was cut tragically short in a 1966 plane crash, along with his wife. They were flying with a few others from Firestone CC in Akron, Ohio to the Little Buick Open outside of Chicago. The plane ran out of fuel and went down in a water hazard short of the 7th green at Lansing CC, in Lansing, Illinois, just short of their destination.



## **“Keepers of the Green”**

The 2012 Charity is the “Keepers of the Green,” an international golfing fellowship, founded in 1995 and based in St Andrews, whose mission is: "To promote the game of golf and to improve lives through powered mobility". The Ponce is proud to present a check this year of £1400 or over \$2100.

Since its formation, Keepers of the Green's extensive fundraising activities have resulted in life changing experiences for over 200 individuals who have been presented with powered wheelchairs (worth approx £700,000).

Our main wheelchair presentation takes place, through the generous co-operation of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, at each year's Open Championship. Additional presentations are made following the Members' annual Spring and Autumn Meetings when they play with the authentic 5 hickory clubs on one of St Andrews seven courses – an arrangement greatly assisted by the kind cooperation of the Links Management Committee of St Andrews. We also very much appreciate the support of the St Andrews Golf Club which provides our office base.

The Patron of Keepers of the Green is the internationally renowned Golf Historian, David Joy, best known as "the man who plays Tom Morris", portrayed internationally on stage and screen. Honorary Members include Peter Alliss, Peter Thomson, Sir Michael Bonallack and Emil Pacholek.

The Keepers of the Green Foundation (as a registered charity) is our vehicle for accepting and using donated funds and has, over the years, discovered and developed many friends and kindred spirits throughout the world ready to help us in our quest to increase mobility for others.

In line with our objective to promote the heritage of the game of golf, "Keepers" was also established as the first ever golfing tribute to Old Tom Morris, who made such an outstanding contribution to the game during his lifetime. It is therefore fitting that Tom Morris should be the figurehead of this unique golfing organisation and also particularly appropriate given that one of his sons was severely disabled but that did not prevent him working in his father's club makers shop overlooking the 18th green of the Old Course.

## **Past Philanthropy**

The PDL is proud of its commitment and tradition of philanthropy. Past charities have included The Davis Love III Foundation, The National September 11<sup>th</sup> Foundation in honor of “Deeg” Sezna, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) and The Wounded Warrior Project.





## Tournament Results

2003 Scottsdale, AZ	Chairman: Neil Thomson	Winning Team: N. Thomson/Rankin/Garnett/H Massie	
2004 Orlando, FL	Chairman: John Klim	Winning Team: Dawgs	MVP: Jeremy Bird
2005 Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Chairman: Jamie Rankin	Winning Team: Black Sunday	MVP: Richard Massie
2006 Scottsdale, AZ	Chairman: Muscie Garnett	Winning Team: Black Sunday	MVP: Michael Palmore
2007 Sea Island, GA	Chairman: John McAllister	Winning Team: Lacoste	MVP: John Klim
2008 Sea Island, GA	Chairman: Michael Palmore	Winning Team: Virginia Gentlemen	MVP: Cole Clarkson
2009 La Quinta, CA	Chairman: Jeremy Bird	Winning Team: Sam Snead	MVP: Bill Wainscott
2010 Sea Island, GA	Chairman: Richard Massie	Winning Team: Red Numbers	MVP: Neil Thomson
2011 Greenbrier, WVZ	Chairman: Clark Coulbourn	Winning Team: The Garnett Brigade	MVP: Muscoe Garnett
2012 St. Andrews, Scotland	Chairman: Westray Battle	Winning Team: ?	MVP: ?

## Tournament Records

Best Team in Tournament History

**Black Sunday 2006 (Bird, Coulbourn, Palmore, Wainscott),**  
Most Team Points, 18 out of a possible 20 Points

Best Individual Sunday Singles Record

**Jeremy Bird 7-1 (.875)**

Best Overall Record

**Muscie Garnett 17-6-2 (.720)**

Most Championships

**Hollowell (4), Bird (4), N. Thomson (4)**

Hole In One

**Lawrence Thomson 2006**

Most Tournaments Played

**Neil Thomson, Jamie Rankin, Muscoe Garnett, John McAllister (10)**

## Ponce De Leon Invitational - History of the Ponce

Looking to hold a golf challenge with his friends, Neil Thomson decided to introduce a golf event similar to the Ryder Cup in January 2003. In the early days, there was no assurance that there would be enough interest for the tournament to become an annual event. Thomson proposed the event be called The Ponce De Leon Invitational.

Many decisions from the early days of the Tournament remain today. Among these are the 4 rounds of competitive play, allowing the singles matches to be selected by the Captains, and, of course, the Final Round Singles matches.

The first tournament was held the first week of January, 2003 with just 8 players. Typically, the field is 16 strong with a waiting list of at least that many. This year's 28 person field sets a new record. The Ponce is scheduled each year and played at the World's finest golf venues. To assist the community, each year a generous contribution is made by the players of the Tournament benefiting a charity that is selected by that year's Chairman.

We hope that the Ponce stages a golf tournament that is enjoyable to our players, patrons and the golf community.

The Ponce is strictly an invitation Tournament.



## **Customs and Etiquette**

The Ponce is strictly an invitation Tournament. The qualification regulations are the principal means of determining the player invitation list. The eligibility under these regulations does not oblige the Tournament Committee to issue an invitation, nor does failure to invite imply unfitness of any kind. As always, the primary objective of the Ponce is good, fair golf and old-school competition.

## **Autograph Policy**

For player safety, there will be a NO AUTOGRAPH POLICY enforced on the golf course for the practice round and tournament play. Autographs are allowed only outside of the ropes when the play is complete.

## **Television Schedule**

Wednesday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>	12:00PM – 9:00 PM	Live Coverage, Golf Channel
First Time Exclusive behind the scenes of US Team Practice and Team Dinner		
Thursday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00PM – 6:30	Live Coverage, Golf Channel
Friday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	1:00PM – 6:30	Live Coverage, Golf Channel
Saturday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00AM- 6:00PM	Live Coverage, ABC-TV

## **Ponce Web Site**

Information on the Ponce is available on the Internet at [www.poncedeleongolf.com](http://www.poncedeleongolf.com). The website includes real-time leader board, leading player/team interviews, and tournament history.



## **A Final note from the Chairman:**

**June 6, 2012**

In January 2009 at Ponce VII in Palm Springs, Neil asked me if I would chair the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ponce and consider taking us “across the pond.” Almost three and a half years later, I owe Neil for igniting this incredible journey. I never imagined that we would play another group from the U.K. in a true Ryder Cup style-match or that we would even try to make tee times over a Summer tournament weekend in Saint Andrews for 28 golfers!

That is not to say there weren’t some considerable speed bumps along the way. Despite meticulous preparations, getting only eight golfers out of 28 on the Old Course through the advanced reservation system was definitely the low point. I truly hope we all get to play the Old while we are here and apologize in advance to those, who the ballot is not kind. Since agreeing to host Ponce X “Across the Pond” with 28 players, I could not have predicted that within the past nine months, I would have left the U.S. Navy, completed the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii, gotten married, expected my first child, started a new job on Capitol Hill and managed to play 25 golf rounds in the first five months of 2012. It has been simply the best time of my life.

I could not have pulled this tournament off without the help and contributions of an army of folks, who I owe my deepest thanks and appreciation. First and foremost to Neil Thomson for trusting me with this responsibility, for his vision, energy and being the best sounding board and source of support someone could ask for. My deepest appreciation goes to Dom Clive for hosting Kirk and me at the 2011 Open Championship at Royal St. George’s and agreeing to put together a team from the U.K. shortly giving birth to his first child in the middle of his MBA program. I only hope it’s the beginning. To Andrew Carroll, for agreeing to host the Champions Dinner at the R&A.

Thanks to Simon Race, who served as our Tournament Director in Sea Island back at Ponce VI in 2008 and reprises that role at Carnoustie, Morag Fraser and her staff at Carnoustie for arranging our Opening Ceremonies, Clint Avret and the Golf Staff at Timuquana CC for putting together our rather sizable apparel order, the folks at Peter Millar and Imperial Hat Company, Baron Fain from Ben Silver for the U.S. team ties, St. Andrews Executive Travel for coach transportation, Standard Pennant Company, Caddieuniforms.com, Matt Ginella at Golf Digest, who always covers the Ponce, Marion & Graham Proctor for hosting the American team headquarters, David Joy for the history lesson and introducing us to “The Keepers of the Green”, and to Neil’s buddies Mark Nesbitt and Josh Evenson for the local knowledge, hospitality and for hosting us at St. Andrews Golf Club. I would be remiss if I also didn’t thank MJ Smith, my golf instructor at Army Navy CC, whose mentorship led me to my career low round –80–two weeks before the Ponce...

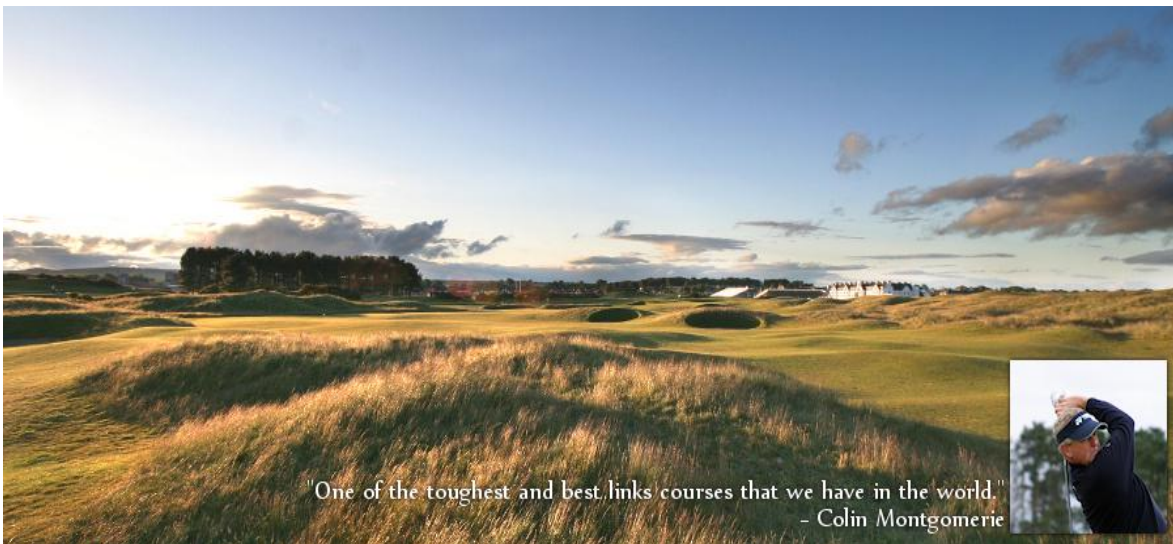
Finally to George Peper, whose book, “Two Years in Saint Andrews,” served as inspiration to both Neil and me throughout this memorable trip. I can only hope to replicate that dream someday. For now, enjoy these eight days in Scotland as if they were your last. I only hope it is as special as in my dreams.

Sincerely,

T. Westray Battle, III  
*Chairman*  
2012 Ponce De Leon Matches



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